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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE EXAMINATION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper accompanies documents submitted to initiate national stage processing of the above-identified international patent application.

The claims of the international application were amended during international preliminary examination and the amendments were annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report for the international application.

Before calculating the filing fee and before formal examination of the application on the merits, it is desired to amend the application in accordance with the following particulars.

AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as annexed to the IPER in accordance with the following LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, which indicates the status of all the claims in the application and all amendments to the claims. The list of claims is intended to show the status of all claims pending in the application, including any amendments thereto.

The amendments to the claims of this application, which originated in a foreign country, are submitted before examination on the merits and are not intended to have a narrowing effect for the purpose of patentability, but rather are made for